Gary P. Simonian (State Bar No. 177747) Gary.Simonian@leclairryan.com 1 2 LECLAIRRYAN, LLP 725 South Figueroa Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, CA 90017 Telephone: (213) 488-0503 Telefax: (213) 624-3755 3 FILED CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT 4 DEC 13 2013 5 Attorney for Defendant STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, INC. 6 CENTRAL EISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – WESTERN DIVISION 9 10 Case No.: CV 13-09186-4MG (PSW) 11 ROGER CULBERSON II, an individual. 12 Plaintiff, NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTIO 13 UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) (Federal V. Question) 14 STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, INC., a foreign corporation doing business in California; and DOES 1 through 10, 15 16 inclusive, 17 Defendants. 18 TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT: 19 20 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Defendant STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, 21 INC. (hereinafter, "STERLING INFOSYSTEMS"), hereby removes the state court 22 action described below to this District Court: 23 On November 1, 2013, an action was commenced in the Superior 24 Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles entitled, 25 Roger L. Culberson II v. Sterling Infosystems, Inc., and DOES 1 through 10, 26 inclusive, as Case Number BC526553, a true and accurate copy of which is 27 attached hereto as Exhibit A. 28

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) (Federal Question)

- 2. The first date upon which Defendant STERLING INFOSYSTEMS received a copy of the said complaint was November 13, 2013, when it was served with a copy of the said complaint and a summons from the said state court. A true and accurate copy of the summons is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 3. This action is a civil action of which this District Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and is one which may be removed to this Court by the defendant pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1441(a) in that it arises under federal statute 15 U.S.C. § 1681 (Fair Credit Reporting Act).
- 4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), the undersigned counsel hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this Notice of Removal will be promptly filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, and served upon all adverse parties.

DATED: December 13, 2013 LECLAIRRYAN, LLP

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Attorney for Defendant

STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, INC.

# **EXHIBIT A**

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Plaintiff ROGER L. CULBERSON II (hereafter as "Plaintiff") complains against Defendants STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, INC. d.b.a. STERLING TESTING SYSTEMS, and DOES 1-10 inclusive (hereafter as "STERLING" or "Defendant"), and alleges as follows:

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

- It is estimated that one in four adults in the United States have a criminal record of 1. some kind and that more than ninety percent of all employers in the United States perform criminal background checks on job candidates. 1
- 2. Existing law requires employers to consider certain relevant factors, including the age, nature, and severity of a job applicant's criminal record and the duties to be performed, before making an adverse employment decision based on a person's criminal record.<sup>2</sup>
- It is therefore imperative that criminal background check companies provide 3. accurate, complete, and up-to-date information about a job applicant's criminal record.
- To further this compelling interest, both Congress (through the Fair Credit 16 | Reporting Act ("FCRA") under 15 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.) and the California legislature (through the Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act ("ICRAA") under Cal. Civ. C. §1786 et seq.) have enacted comprehensive legislation regulation regulating the procurement and issuance of background check reports, stating that "[i]nvestigative consumer reporting agencies have assumed a vital role" and that "there is need to insure that investigative consumer reporting agencies exercise their grave responsibilities with fairness, impartiality, and a respect for the consumer's right to privacy." Cal. Civ. C. §1786; see also 15 U.S.C. §1681(a).

<sup>1</sup> NAT'L CONSUMER LAW CTR., BROKEN RECORDS: HOW ERRORS BY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKING COMPANIES HARM WORKERS AND BUSINESSES (Apr. 2012), at 3. See also SOC'Y FOR HUMAN RES. MGMT., BACKGROUND CHECKING: CONDUCTING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, slide 3 (Jan. 22, 2010), located at http://www.slideshare.net/shrm/background-check-criminal (last visited on May 2, 2012); Ben Geiger, Comment: The Case for Treating Ex-Offenders as a Suspect Class, 94 CAL. L. REV. 1191, 1193 (2006).  $^{2}$  Id.

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- 5. Both the FCRA and the ICRAA requires a background check company to follow extremely stringent procedures to ensure that whenever criminal history information is reported, it is accurate, complete, and up to date. Under 15 U.S.C. §1681e(b) and Cal. Civ. C. §1786.20(b) a background check company" shall follow reasonable procedures to assure *maximum possible accuracy* of the information concerning the individual about whom the report relates." (Emphasis added)."
- 6. In addition, when public records information such as criminal history information is reported in the employment context, the background check company is required to "maintain strict procedures designed to insure that...[the information reported] is complete and up to date." 15 U.S.C. §
- 7. Defendant failed to fulfill its statutory duties under the FCRA and the ICRAA, as a result of which a background check report containing inaccurate, incomplete, and out-of-date information concerning Plaintiff was furnished to his prospective employer and Plaintiff was denied employment.
- 8. Plaintiff seeks actual damages, punitive damages, and equitable relief, including costs and expenses of litigation, including attorney's fees, and appropriate injunctive relief requiring Defendants to comply with its legal obligations, as well as additional and further relief as may be appropriate. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint to add additional relief as permitted under applicable law.

## THE PARTIES

- 9. Plaintiff ROGER L. CULBERSON II is, and at all times relevant hereto was, an individual over the age of 18 and a resident of Los Angeles County, California.
- 10. Plaintiff is a consumer as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c) of the FCRA, and Cal. Civ. C. §1786.2(b) of the ICRAA because he is a natural individual who has made an application for employment purposes.

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- 11. Defendant STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, INC. d.b.a. STERLING TESTING SYSTEMS is and at all times herein mentioned was, a foreign corporation doing business in the State of California.
  - 12. STERLING is an entity regulated under both the FCRA and the ICRAA.
- 13. For purposes of the FCRA, STERLING is a "consumer reporting agency" as defined under 15 USC §1681a(f) because they are "person which, for monetary fees, dues...regularly engages in whole or in part in the practice of assembling or evaluating consumer credit information or other information on consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties, and which uses any means or facility of interstate commerce for the purpose of preparing or furnishing *consumer reports*." (Emphasis added).
- 14. A "consumer report" is "any written, oral, or other communication of any information by a consumer reporting agency bearing on a consumer's credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living which is used or expected to be used or collected in whole or in part for the purpose of serving as a factor in establishing the consumer's eligibility for...employment." 15 USC §1681a(d) (emphasis added).
- 15. For purposes of the ICRAA, STERLING is an "investigative consumer reporting agency" as defined under Cal. Civ. C. §1786.2(d) because they are "person who, for monetary fees or dues, engages in whole or in part in the practice of collecting, assembling, evaluating, compiling, reporting, transmitting, transferring, or communicating information concerning consumers for the purposes of furnishing *investigative consumer reports* to third parties..." (Emphasis added).
- 16. An investigative consumer report is "a consumer report in which information on a consumer's character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living is obtained through any means..." Cal. Civ. C. §1786.2(c).
- 17. STERLING' reports, including the background check report at issue in the present case, contain background information on consumer regarding their general reputation, character,

mode of living or other personal characteristics. Among other things, STERLING's reports typically include information regarding criminal histories.

- 18. Defendants sell background check reports to, among others, prospective employers. Plaintiff is ignorant of the Defendants sued herein as DOES 1-10, inclusive, and therefore sues those Defendants by such capacities when such information is ascertained.
- 19. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the Doe Defendants is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged and that Plaintiff's damages as herein alleged were proximately caused by such occurrences.
- 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, at all times herein mentioned, Defendants DOES 1-10, were agents of each other and of the named Defendant and in doing the things alleged in this complaint, were acting in the scope of such agency and with the permission and consent of Defendants.

# FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 21. On or about June 23, 1998, Plaintiff was convicted of Penal Code §415. This conviction was dismissed pursuant to Penal Code §1203.4 (colloquially known as expungement) on or about February 8, 2010.
- 22. Plaintiff was 19 years old at the time of the conviction. 13 years later, he was denied a seasonal job by The Walt Disney Company ("DISNEY") due to the erroneous criminal history information disclosed on a STERLING background check report.
  - 23. Plaintiff applied to DISNEY on or about October 18, 2011.
- 24. Plaintiff was hired on or about November 3, 2011 and was scheduled to attend one of several orientations and training sessions offered weekly between November 22, 2011 to December 18th, 2011. New employees were required to attend one of these several orientations and training sessions as a condition precedent to serving DISNEY customers.
- 25. On or about November 22, 2011, Plaintiff received a call from DISNEY personnel informing him that he cannot attend the orientation that was scheduled for the upcoming weekend

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because the background check "was not going to be back in time." He was informed that he could attend orientation only after a clean background check report had come back.

- 26. Plaintiff then contacted DISNEY every week immediately prior to the scheduled start of a new session of orientation to inquire about the status of his background check so that he could attend the upcoming orientation. However, he was repeatedly informed that no background check had come back yet.
- 27. On or about December 7, 2011, Plaintiff called DISNEY where DISNEY finally informed Plaintiff over the phone that he could not be hired by DISNEY because of the background check report.
- 28. DISNEY did not issue a notice to Plaintiff either prior to or following the adverse action as required under 15 U.S.C. §1681b(b)(3).
- 29. Plaintiff never received a pre-adverse action or adverse action notice from any party contracted by DISNEY to provide such notice.
- 30. Plaintiff was aware that he had a 1998 conviction for violation of Penal Code §417 (disturbing the peace) on his record that had been expunged but because he was never provided with a copy of the report he could not know for sure whether that was the cause of his termination.
- 31. On or about December 7, 2011, the same day when DISNEY informed Plaintiff that he could not be hired because of his background, Plaintiff contacted STERLING to obtain a copy of his background check report. Plaintiff received his consumer report several days later and determined that STERLING had misreported Plaintiff's 1998 criminal conviction.
- 32. STERLING reported a guilty conviction for a charged labeled as "PERSON WHO UNLAWFULLY FIGHTS IN A PUBLIC PLACE OR CHALLENGES ANOTHER PERSON IN A PUBLIC PLACE TO FIGHT." In fact, this charged was dismissed pursuant to Cal. Pen. C. §1203.4 (colloquially known as "expungement") on February 8, 2010.
- 33. In clear error, Defendant reported the "Disposition" of this charge as "Guilty/Convicted" with a "Disposition Date" of "2010-02-08." These two entries mislead the

reader that Plaintiff was convicted of the crime on February 8, 2010 as opposed to successfully obtaining expungement on February 8, 2010 for a conviction that took place in 1998.

- 34. On or about December 14, 2011, and following receipt of a copy of his background check report, Plaintiff disputed the information with STERLING. On or about December 15, 2011, STERLING issued a new report indicating that Plaintiff has a "clear" background. Despite the issuance of this new report, Plaintiff was never hired.
- 35. On or about February 2012, Plaintiff contacted DISNEY again regarding employment opportunities, DISNEY informed Plaintiff that all available positions have been filled.
- 36. STERLING is one of the nation's largest background check company and has been routinely subject to law suits involving its systematic failure in complying with the legal mandates described immediately above and was well-aware of the requirements to insure that the reported information is accurate, complete and up to date.
- 37. Here, Plaintiff's criminal history was public record information was readily available through Los Angeles County Court system, Plaintiff is informed and believes that STERLING nevertheless failed to visually inspect, copy, or analyze the readily-available information in reckless disregard of the clear statutory mandate to use "reasonable," and "strict procedure" in providing background check reports that will have a detrimental impact on a consumer's ability to obtain employment.
- 38. Under Cal. Civ. C. §1786.29(a), an investigative consumer reporting agency is required to provide, in at least 12-point boldface type setting forth that "...[the reported information] is accurately copied from public records..." (Emphasis added).
- 39. Indeed, on the first page of the SUBJECT REPORT, Defendants certified that the information is "...accurately copied from public records...." (Emphasis added). Nevertheless, STERLING intentionally, gross negligently, and/or recklessly failed to obtain and copy readily available public record information from Los Angeles County Superior Court when reporting Plaintiff's criminal history information.

- 40. In Los Angeles County, the cost per page for obtaining copies of court documents is \$.50 per page. The Clerk's Documents and Minutes on Plaintiff which would have provided accurate complete and up to date information on Plaintiff's criminal history consists of only several pages at a cost of less than \$5.
- 41. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that STERLING never obtained the Clerk's Documents and Minutes and any similar documents which would have revealed, complete, accurate, and up to date information on Plaintiff's criminal history.
- 42. On its website, STERLING touts itself as one of the fastest growing companies in the country. In a June 2013 press release entitled "Background-check industry under scrutiny as profits soar" wherein it stated that its revenue has rocked to nearly \$250 million from just \$7.5 million in 2001.
- 43. STERLING's profits are founded on its emphasis on efficiency in generating as many criminal background checks as possible and a dearth of litigation on inaccurate background check reports. According to its website its "litigation-incidence rate is 0.00005% which amounts to half a dozen suits a year."
- 44. Accordingly, the lack of litigation as well as its profit maximizing model routinely and systematically results in inaccurate background check reports such as those issued in connection with Plaintiff's employment application.
- 45. As a direct and foreseeable result of Defendant's wrongful conduct, Plaintiff lost a valuable employment opportunity, suffered significant economic, emotional, and mental distress.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of 15 United States Code §1681e(b))

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- 46. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1-48, inclusive.
- 47. Upon information and belief, Defendants have not, and currently do not, follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy of the information concerning the individual about whom the report relates.
- 48. Specifically, Defendants failed to visually inspect, copy, or analyze the readily-available public records information concerning Plaintiff, which failure led to the inaccuracies in the subject report.
- 49. Defendant's violations were willful or reckless because Defendants were aware of their obligations under the FCRA but nonetheless consciously elected to disregard their obligations.
- 50. Defendants' violations entitle Plaintiff to damages pursuant to 15 USC §§ 1681n and 1681o, including but not limited to the actual harms suffered by Plaintiff as a direct legal, proximate, and foreseeable result of Defendant's violations as well as punitive damages.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Violation of 15 United States Code §1681k(b))

- 51. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1-48, inclusive.
- 52. Upon information and belief, Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff contemporaneous notice of the fact that public record information is being reported pursuant to 15 USC §1681k(a)(1) and have not and currently do not maintain strict procedures designed to insure that whenever public record information which is likely to have an adverse effect on a consumer's ability to obtain employment is reported it is complete and up to date.
- 53. Specifically, Defendants failed to visually inspect, copy, or analyze the readily-available public records information concerning Plaintiff resulting in a report containing information that is not complete and up to date.

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- 54. Defendants' violations were willful or reckless because Defendants were aware of their obligations under the FCRA but nonetheless consciously elected to disregard their obligations.
- 55. Defendants' violations entitle Plaintiff to damages Pursuant to 15 USC 1681n and 1681o, including, but not limited to, the actual harms suffered by Plaintiff as a direct legal, proximate, and foreseeable result of Defendants' violations as well as punitive damages.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

### (Violation of California Civil Code §§1786.18(a)(7); 1786.20(a))

- 56. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraph 1-48, inclusive.
- 57. Cal. Civ. C. § 1786.18(a)(7) prohibits an investigative consumer reporting agency from making or furnishing any background check reports such as an investigative consumer reporting containing any information about "[r]ecords of arrest, indictment, information, misdemeanor complaint, or conviction of a crime that, from the date of disposition, release, or parole, antedate the report by more than seven years." It further prohibits an investigative consumer reporting agency from reporting any of the above information "if at any time it is learned that... in the case of an arrest, indictment, information, or misdemeanor complaint, a conviction did not result."
- 58. Cal. Civ. C. § 1786.20(a) requires that an investigative consumer reporting agency to "maintain reasonable procedures designed to avoid violations of Section 1786.18."
- 59. Plaintiff's conviction, which was subsequently dismissed, resulted on May 9, 2002, which antedated the SUBJECT REPORT by more than seven years from the date of disposition, release, or parole.
- 60. In addition, Plaintiff's case was dismissed in the interests of justice due to civil compromise, and a conviction did not result in the case as a matter of law.

- disposition of Plaintiff's case, Defendants failed to maintain reasonable procedures designed to avoid reporting information that antedate the investigative consumer report by more than seven years and to avoid reporting information about criminal records where a conviction did not result.
- 62. Defendant's violations were willful or grossly negligent because Defendants were aware of their obligations under the ICRAA but nonetheless consciously elected to disregard their obligations.
- 63. Defendants' violations entitle Plaintiff to damages Pursuant to Civ. Code 1786.50(a) and (b), including, but not limited to, the actual harms suffered by Plaintiff as a direct legal, proximate, and foreseeable result of Defendants' violations as well as punitive damages.

### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Civil Code §1786.20(b))

- 64. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1-48, inclusive.
- 65. Upon information and belief, Defendants also have not, and currently do not follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy of the information concerning the individual about whom the report relates.
- 66. Specifically, Defendants failed to visually inspect, copy, or analyze the readily-available public records information concerning Plaintiff resulting in inaccuracies in the SUBJECT REPORT.
- 67. Defendants' violations were willful or grossly negligent because Defendants were aware of their obligations under the ICRAA but nonetheless consciously elected to disregard its obligations.
- 68. Defendants' violations entitle Plaintiff to damages Pursuant to Civ. Code 1786.50(a) and (b), including, but not limited to, the actual harms suffered by Plaintiff as a direct legal, proximate, and foreseeable result of Defendants' violations as well as punitive damages.

#### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Violation of California Civil Code §1786.28(b))

- 69. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1-48, inclusive.
- 70. Upon information and belief, Defendants have not and currently do not maintain strict procedures designed to insure that whenever public record information which is likely to have an adverse effect on a consumer's ability to obtain employment is reported it is complete and up to date.
- 71. Specifically, Defendants failed to visually inspect, copy, or analyze the readily-available public records information on Plaintiff resulting in a report containing information that is not complete and up to date.
- 72. Defendants' violations were willful or grossly negligent because Defendants were aware of their obligations under the ICRAA but nonetheless consciously elected to disregard their obligations.
- 73. Defendants' violations entitle Plaintiff to damages Pursuant to Civ. Code 1786.50(a) and (b), including, but not limited to, the actual harms suffered by Plaintiff as a direct legal, proximate, and foreseeable result of Defendants' violations as well as punitive damages.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks judgment in favor of himself and the proposed Classes:

- 1. That an order be entered certifying the proposed Class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and appointing Plaintiff and his counsel to represent the Class;
- 2. That judgment be entered against DISNEY and in favor of Plaintiff and Class members for statutory damages in the amount of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 per violation per Class member, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a);

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#### INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party. its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiffs designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

#### **Auto Tort**

Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

# Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death)

Asbestos (04) Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/ Wrongful Death Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24) Medical Malpractice (45) Medical Malpractice-Physicians & Surgeons

Other Professional Health Care Malpractice Other PI/PD/WD (23) Premises Liability (e.g., slip

and fall) Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism) Intentional Infliction of **Emotional Distress** Negligent Infliction of

**Emotional Distress** Other PI/PD/WD

#### Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

**Business Tort/Unfair Business** Practice (07) Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil

harassment) (08) Defamation (e.g., slander, libel)

(13)Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19) Professional Negligence (25)

Legal Malpractice Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)

Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

**Employment** 

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Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

#### **CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES**

#### Contract Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)
Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence) Negligent Breach of Contract/ Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)

Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff Other Promissory Note/Collections Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation Other Coverage

Other Contract (37) Contractual Fraud Other Contract Dispute

#### Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14) Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) Writ of Possession of Real Property Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure)

#### Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential)

#### **Judicial Review**

Asset Forfeiture (05) Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ-Administrative Mandamus Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

> Case Matter Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor Commissioner Appeals

#### Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

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Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) Construction Defect (10) Claims Involving Mass Tort (40) Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30) Insurance Coverage Claims (arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41)

#### **Enforcement of Judgment**

Enforcement of Judgment (20) Abstract of Judgment (Out of County) Confession of Judgment (nondomestic relations) Sister State Judgment Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

# Miscellaneous Civil Complaint RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (nonharassment)

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Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) Other Civil Complaint

(non-tort/non-complex)

#### Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21) Other Petition (not specified

above) (43) Civil Harassment Workplace Violence Elder/Dependent Adult

Abuse **Election Contest** Petition for Name Change Petition for Relief From Late

Claim Other Civil Petition

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## CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.0 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Step 3: In Column C, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have checked. For any exception to the court location, see Local Rule 2.0.

Step 2: Check one Superior Court type of action in Column B below which best describes the nature of this case.

### Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (see Column C below)

- Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district.
- May be filed in central (other county, or no bodily injury/property damage).
   Location where cause of action arose.
   Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.
   Location where performance required or defendant resides.

- Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.
   Location where petitioner resides.
   Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
   Location where one or more of the parties reside.
   Location of Labor Commissioner Office

Step 4: Fill in the information requested on page 4 in Item III; complete Item IV. Sign the declaration.

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
2 t	Auto (22)	☐ A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 2., 4.
Auto Tort	Uninsured Motorist (46)	☐ A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1., 2., 4.
t, fr	Asbestos (04)	☐ A6070 Asbestos Property Damage ☐ A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	2. 2.
Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Product Liability (24)	☐ A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1., 2., 3., 4., 8.
	Medical Malpractice (45)	☐ A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons ☐ A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1., 4. 1., 4.
	Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<ul> <li>□ A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)</li> <li>□ A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.)</li> <li>□ A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress</li> <li>□ A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death</li> </ul>	1., 4. 1., 3. 1., 4.

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<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Business Tort (07)	☐ A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1., 3.
Civil Rights (08)	☐ A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1., 2., 3.
Defamation (13)	☐ A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1., 2., 3.
Fraud (16)	☐ A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1., 2., 3.
Professional Negligence (25)	☐ A6017 Legal Malpractice ☐ A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1., 2., 3. 1., 2., 3.
Other (35)	☐ A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	2.,3.
Wrongful Termination (36)	☐ A6037 Wrongful Termination	1., 2., 3.
Other Employment (15)	<ul><li>☑ A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case</li><li>☐ A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals</li></ul>	1., 2., 3. 10.
Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<ul> <li>□ A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)</li> <li>□ A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)</li> <li>□ A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)</li> </ul>	2., 5. 2., 5. 1., 2., 5. 1., 2., 5.
Collections (09)	□ A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence) □ A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff □ A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	2., 5., 6. 2., 5.
Insurance Coverage (18)	☐ A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1., 2., 5., 8.
Other Contract (37)	□ A6009 Contractual Fraud □ A6031 Tortious Interference □ A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 8.
Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	☐ A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels	2.
Wrongful Eviction (33)	☐ A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2., 6.
Other Real Property (26)	<ul> <li>□ A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure</li> <li>□ A6032 Quiet Title</li> <li>□ A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)</li> </ul>	2., 6. 2., 6. 2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	☐ A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	☐ A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	☐ A6020FUnlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	☐ A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2., 6.
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	Asset Forfeiture (05)	☐ A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2., 6.
riew	Petition re Arbitration (11)	□ A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2., 5.
Judicial Review	Writ of Mandate (02)	□ A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus □ A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter □ A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2., 8. 2. 2.
	Other Judicial Review (39)	□ A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2., 8.
ion	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	☐ A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1., 2., 8.
Litigat	Construction Defect (10)	☐ A6007 Construction Defect	1., 2., 3.
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	☐ A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1., 2., 8.
illy Co	Securities Litigation (28)	☐ A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1., 2., 8.
visiona	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	□ A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1., 2., 3., 8.
Pro	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	☐ A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1., 2., 5., 8.
		☐ A6141 Sister State Judgment	2., 9.
Enforcement of Judgment		☐ A6160 Abstract of Judgment	2., 6.
	Enforcement	☐ A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)	2., 9.
nfor f Juc	of Judgment (20)	☐ A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2., 8.
<u> </u>		☐ A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax	2., 8.
		☐ A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2., 8., 9.
st nts	RICO (27)	☐ A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1., 2., 8.
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints		☐ A6030 Declaratory Relief Only	1., 2., 8.
corr	Other Complaints	☐ A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2., 8.
Misc	(Not Specified Above) (42)	☐ A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1., 2., 8.
0		☐ A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1., 2., 8.
	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	☐ A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2., 8.
		☐ A6121 Civil Harassment	2., 3., 9.
snos		☐ A6123 Workplace Harassment	2., 3., 9.
llane etit	Other Petitions	☐ A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case	2., 3., 9.
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	(Not Specified Above)	☐ A6190 Election Contest	2.
<b>≅</b> ℧	(43)	☐ A6110 Petition for Change of Name	2., 7.
		☐ A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law	2., 3., 4., 8.
		☐ A6100 Other Civil Petition	2., 9.
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Item III. Statement of Location: Enter the address of the accident, party's residence or place of business, performance, or other circumstance indicated in Item II., Step 3 on Page 1, as the proper reason for filing in the court location you selected.

REASON: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected for this case.			ADDRESS: 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91521
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and correct and that the above-entitle  Central  District of the	ed matter	is properly file	erjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true of courthouse in the stanley Mosk courthouse in the mia, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., § 392 et seq., and Local
Rule 2.0, subds. (b), (c) and (d)].			•
Dated: 11/1/2013			
			(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

# PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

- 1. Original Complaint or Petition.
- 2. If filling a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- 3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
- Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 03/11).
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
- 6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
- 7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

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# **EXHIBIT B**

## SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

#### NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

Sterling Infosystems, Inc., a foreign corporation doing business in California, and Does 1-10, inclusive

#### YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

Roger L. Culberson II, individually, and on behalf of the putative class

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NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a 

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leves de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

Los Angeles Superior Court

111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

# NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES JUDGES

	This case has been assign	gned to District Judge	Dolly M.	Gee	and the assigned
Magist	rate Judge is	Patrick J. Walsh			
	The case num	ber on all documents filed w	ith the Court sho	uld read as fol	lows:
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**CIVIL COVER SHEET** 

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS ( CH ROGER L. CULBER		resenting yourself 🗌 )		DEFENDANTS (Check box if you are representing yourself ) STERLING INFOSYSTEMS, INC.				
(b) County of Residence	e of First Listed Plai	ntiff	County of Resid	dence of First Listed Def	endant			
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CA	SES)		i	County of Residence of First Listed Defendant  (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)				
(c) Attorneys (Firm Nam	e, Address and Telepho	ne Number) If you are	Attorneys (Firm	Name, Address and Telepho	one Number) If you are			
representing yourself, pr		nation.	representing you	rself, provide the same inf	ormation.			
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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will most likely be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

Question A: Was this case removed from state court?			STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF:				INI	TIAL DIVISION IN C	ACD IS:	
Yes No		☐ Los Angeles					Western			
If "no," go to Question B. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the			Ventura, Santa Barbara, or Sa	ın Luis Obis	ро		Western			
corresponding division in response to Question D, below, and skip to Sect	to		Orange				Southern			
Question b, below, and skip to Section IX.			Riverside or San Bernardino				Eastern			
Question B: Is the United States,	or one of	a								
its agencies or employees, a party	y to this		If the United States, or o	one of its ag	encies o	or employees, is a party, is i	:			
Yes No		A PLAINTIFF?  Then check the box below for the county in which the majority of DEFENDANTS reside.			A DEFENDANT?  Then check the box below for the county in which the majority of PLAINTIFFS reside.		county in	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:		
If "no," go to Question C. If "yes," che	eck the	L	os Angeles			s Angeles		Western		
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Question C: Location of plaintiffs, defendants, and claims? (Make only one selection per row)	1	geles	Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties	C. Orange (	County	D. Riverside or San Bernardino Counties	Outsid Distric	E. de the Central ct of California	F. Other	
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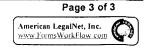
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IX(a). IDENTICAL CASE	<b>ES</b> : Has this ac	ction been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed?	⊠ NO	YES				
If yes, list case numbe	er(s):							
IX(b). RELATED CASES	: Have any cas	ses been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case?	⊠ NO	YES				
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861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))	Security Act, as of services unde	amended. Also, er the program.				
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Heal 923)	th and Safety Ac	of 1969. (30 U.S.C.				
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))	Social Security A	\ct, as amended; plus				
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Tamended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))	itle 2 of the Soci	al Security Act, as				
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under	ar Title 16 of the	Social Security Act				

All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))

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